

Checklist for Obtaining an International Health Certificate for Pets

Please note that preparing for travel to some countries can take months.

1. Information your veterinarian needs to know before completing your pet's international health certificate:

a. Where is your pet going (destination country)? _____
 If you are traveling to the European Union, Norway, or Switzerland, who will be traveling with the pet? (Check one)

- The owner
- A person authorized by the owner
- No one
- A pet transport company is transporting the pet

b. What is the address in the destination country where your pet will be staying?

c. What date is your pet leaving the United States? _____

d. When are you and your pet arriving in the destination country?

- You: _____
- Your pet(s): _____

e. What type of pet will be traveling? (Check all that apply)

- Dog
- Cat
- Ferret
- Pet Birds (other than chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans, and turkeys)
- Rodent
- Hedgehog/tenrec
- Rabbit
- Reptile
- Amphibian

2. Work with your veterinarian to answer the following questions. Please consult the APHIS pet travel website for this information.

a. What type of health certificate is required? (Check one)

- A country-specific health certificate
- A generic pet certificate (ex. APHIS 7001)

b. Is a microchip required?

- Yes or No (check one)
 - If yes, is a specific type of microchip required?
 - Yes No (check one)
 - If yes, list the name. _____

c. What vaccines does your destination country require? When must the vaccines be given? (Use table)

List vaccine names and when they must be given

NOTE: You must have rabies vaccine certificates for all rabies vaccinations documented on the health certificate. These vaccination certificates will be required by the USDA at the time of health certificate endorsement.

d. Are any laboratory tests required by your destination country?

- Yes No (check one)
 - If yes, what tests are required and when must these samples be collected? (Use table) (Note: The sample MUST be collected within the testing timeframe required by your destination country. Some tests may take a long time for the results to be returned and/or some countries require a waiting period after testing and before entry into the destination country.)

List laboratory test names/diseases and when they must be given

e. Are any treatments required by your destination country?

- Yes No (check one)
 - If yes, what treatments and when must they be given? (use table)

List treatments and when they must be given

- f. When must a physical exam of the pet(s) be performed prior to travel?
- _____
- g. Check with your airline to determine what requirements they have, if any. Airlines may have separate and additional requirements from those of your destination country.
- h. If you intend to bring your pet back into the U.S., there may be certain re-entry requirements, depending on where you traveled. You should plan for them now. See the [pet import section](#) for details.
3. Work with your veterinarian to complete all required paperwork. Please consult our APHIS pet travel website to access the required certificate/form, when available.
4. After your health certificate has been completed, signed, and dated by your veterinarian, most countries require that international health certificates be submitted to a [USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office](#) for endorsement. Some offices offer to review health certificates prior to submission. Please work with your [endorsing USDA office](#) to determine your options for paperwork review and/or submission.
5. Travel with your pet.